

Experiential Education Internship

The Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership is a learning community on Hurricane Island, in Penobscot Bay, Maine, offering experiential, hands-on education programs and research opportunities focusing on marine sciences, STEAM education, sustainable living technology, citizen science initiatives, and leadership.

We are looking for interns who love natural history, ecology, and sustainability and understand the value of engaging students with real and relevant field science opportunities through experiential learning and leadership. We value team players who can wear many hats, take initiative, are always willing to help out, and thrive in a remote-island environment as an active community member.

Interns will have the opportunity to live and work in a residential community while practicing community building, leadership, and experiential education skills. There are opportunities to participate in rock climbing, hiking, sailing, conducting research, and field trips to local islands. We welcome applicants with a wide variety of specialty areas, including but not limited to science, leadership, climbing, sailing, navigation, art, and sustainability.

Expectations & Responsibilities of the Experiential Education Intern

- Act as a positive role model for program participants;
- Engage positively with the Hurricane Island community;
- Plan and lead program activities related to your area of expertise or of interest to you;
- Develop curriculum related to your area of expertise or of interest to you with assistance from staff;
- Provide support as a teaching assistant to our science educator and program instructors as needed;
- Provide logistical support for field trips (e.g. managing food, supplies, and equipment);
- On a weekly basis, submit blog updates about programs, current events, relevant book/article reviews, curriculum development, or a general progress report from the island. These blog entries are generally 250 words in length and will be published on our website under the “Island Updates,” or “Science for Everyone” blog based on the subject of the post;
- Assist in data collection efforts for ongoing island monitoring projects;
- Assist staff with residential life activities, campus policies, as well as following and enforcing the HI policies and community standards;
- Supervise students during non-class hours, including evenings and weekends. This includes expectations of providing post-dinner overnight supervision in student housing, and responding to an incident or emergency if one should occur; and
- Provide food service assistance as needed.

Eligibility & Qualifications

- Teaching experience or a strong interest in gaining experience in informal or experiential education, particularly with middle and/or high school students;
- Ability and willingness to work and live in a remote, island community with rustic and off-the-grid accommodations where all staff share living and work spaces;

- Essential qualities include hard working, strong oral and written communication skills, and the ability to work as a positive group member;
- Willingness to work evenings and weekends as needed;
- Certified in basic CPR/ First Aid; Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder (WFR) certification is preferred;
- Minimum of 2 years completed towards an undergraduate or graduate degree program;
- Holds a valid driver's license with good driving record (a vehicle is not required, but is helpful during off-island errands and exploration);
- Skills and background in the outdoor environment;
- U.S. Citizen or non-citizen permanent resident; and
- Captain's boating license is a plus.

Hurricane Island Foundation is dedicated to a policy of nondiscrimination in employment on any basis including race, creed, color, age, sex, religion, or national origin. Because we work with middle and high school students, we are required to do background checks on all seasonal and full-time staff.

Compensation

Each intern will receive room and board while on Hurricane Island for duration of the internship (June 15-August 23, 2015). Interns will also receive a stipend. We are happy to help make this internship fulfill graduation requirements. If this is of interest to the qualifying candidate, please make HIF staff aware of steps needed to make receipt of credits possible.

Application Materials: *Applications are due by February 16, 2015.*

- Cover letter explaining your interest in this position and your relevant experience;
- Resumé or CV, which includes contact information for three references. We want a complete picture of you so don't be afraid to include details that may not pertain directly to this job;
- A letter of recommendation from a professor who can speak to your strengths, abilities, and opportunities for personal and professional growth; and,
- A college transcript (unofficial is acceptable).
- A writing sample between 250-500 words. We would like to get a sense of your writing style, as we will expect that you regularly contribute program updates through our blogs.

Application Submission: Please submit your application in one of the following ways -
Electronically via email, please send to: jobs@hurricaneisland.net

Hard copy of materials, please mail to:

Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership
P.O. Box 1280
Rockland, ME 04841

If we feel from your application that you are a good fit for this position, we will contact you to schedule an interview.